

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 26, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Precipitation and warming temperatures were observed across Montana during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 92 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 89 percent in the previous week and 87 the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 82 percent adequate to surplus which aligns with the previous year. A reporter in Lake County stated seeding has continued to run late this season due to continued precipitation. Barley planted progress was at 84 percent complete by week's end, slightly behind last year at 88 percent. Barley emerged was estimated at 52 percent, aligning with the previous year. Durum wheat planted was reported at 73 percent complete, which is behind both last year at 84 percent and the 5-year average of 89 percent. Planting of pulse crops continued to progress with 83 percent of the lentil crop planted, falling slightly behind last year's progress at 89 percent. Cattle receiving supplemental feed was reported as 22 percent this week, compared to 11 percent in the same week last year. A reporter in Roosevelt County noted the wet weather and warm temperatures have increased the grass growth and crop emergence. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 74 percent good to excellent compared to 68 percent this time last year.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	84	73	88	94
Emerged.....	52	42	52	73
Booted.....	1	NA	--	NA
Canola				
Planted.....	60	58	59	78
Emerged.....	15	10	36	44
Corn				
Planted.....	59	51	66	81
Emerged.....	17	6	24	46
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	63	55	70	79
Emerged.....	15	2	9	37
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	89	77	88	95
Emerged.....	44	35	60	71
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	73	48	84	89
Emerged.....	30	26	42	42
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	50	48	65	82
Emerged.....	6	5	36	33
Lentils				
Planted.....	83	70	89	93
Emerged.....	28	20	59	51
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	69	65	70	75
Emerged.....	26	15	29	41
Oats				
Planted.....	73	62	78	82
Emerged.....	27	22	30	55
Safflower				
Planted.....	25	19	41	49
Emerged.....	6	4	4	24
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	83	69	84	91
Emerged.....	40	32	47	66
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	97	85	94	NA
Emerged.....	48	38	47	65
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	15	2	34	35
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	77	57	83	78
Receiving supplemental feed.....	22	38	11	12
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed.....	94	92	96	NA
Moved to pasture.....	79	65	78	78
Receiving supplemental feed.....	29	49	11	14

NA – not available

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**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	5.0	4.6	5.9	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	--	3	6
Short.....	7	11	10	17
Adequate.....	83	81	66	66
Surplus.....	9	8	21	11
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	--	3	4
Short.....	17	15	15	18
Adequate.....	77	82	69	68
Surplus.....	5	3	13	10

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	2	4
Poor.....	3	5	13	13
Fair.....	28	30	26	34
Good.....	56	55	38	37
Excellent.....	13	9	21	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	1
Poor.....	4	4	5	6
Fair.....	20	25	26	33
Good.....	34	42	26	37
Excellent.....	40	27	42	23

NA – not available

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